

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL SESSION MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010
5:30P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Gatling called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Latasha Gatling, Mayor Eugene Grant (ABSENT), Councilmember Darrell Hardy (ABSENT), Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha A. Stephenson (ABSENT), Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (ABSENT)

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Councilman Porter.

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Simms to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- Jonathan Taylor, Kumase Development Group, Inc.-Mr. Taylor presented an example to the Council the Martin Luther King Gateway Initiative of the U Street corridor in the District of Columbia. He has requested a 50% deposit of the grant, which is \$17,500 upfront and \$8,000 in May, and the final payment of \$9,500 on June 30, 2010. He has drafted a contract on the Community Revitalization plan/Feasibility study on Eastern Avenue to Addison Road along Martin Luther King Junior Highway to Reconstruct corridor and look at history. The theme focus will be the Chesapeake Trail. The market study based on supply and demand; design, conceptual design, work and planning. Town Center or Town Square, concept of municipal office component with two

zones; Eastern Avenue to Foote Street will be zone 1, Foote Street to Addison Road will be zone 2. Develop housing, retail. We must have housing. The City Council asked if the deadlines can be met according to the grant agreement. Mr. Taylor stated that he could meet the deadlines. Mr. Taylor stated that it is not his vision, but the vision of the council and stakeholders for the corridor. We will have two charett that will include the Council, Mayor and Stakeholders to view design and approve. The Council consensus is to work with Kumase on the project, but awaiting City Attorney to review the contract.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and second by Councilmember Raynor to allow Kumase Development to work on Martin Luther King Gateway Initiative project pending the approval of contract by city attorney. The motion carried,
FOR: Gatling, Porter, Raynor and Simms
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. LEGISLATION:

3.1.1. None

4. MEETING TOPICS:

4.1.1. City Administrator Interview Questions/Request

- The City Council was presented with the e-mail sent by Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk regarding interviewing a candidate by telephone. The Council agreed to interview the candidate by the Skype program. The Council stated for the Clerk to down load the program and purchase a web camera.

4.1.2. Seat Pleasant Day Employee Time Compensation

- The City Council requested for Mr. Ashton to verify with LGIT if employees can make-up snow days.
- The City Council further stated that the only employees that will receive compensatory for Seat Pleasant Day will be Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Lanham
- The Council stated that Seat Pleasant Day is strictly volunteer for employees except the Police and Public Works Department and two employees's previously stated.

4.1.3. Best 1 Market Liquor License Meeting Request

- The City Council requested the City Clerk to send a letter to the attorney indicating their concerns and request a written proposal of the plans for the site.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

5.1.1 Goodwin Park Pavilion selection

- Council President Gatling stated that the pavilion selection request has been on the agenda since the fall. The Council needs to make a decision today regarding, which pavilion they would like to see in Goodwin Park.
- It was motioned by Councilwoman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Gatling to approve Pavilion A. The motion carried.
FOR: Gatling and Simms
AGAINST: Porter and Raynor
ABSTAIN: None
- It was motioned by Councilman Porter and seconded by Councilman Raynor to approve Pavilion B. The motion carried.
FOR: Porter and Raynor
AGAINST: Gatling and Simms
ABSTAIN: None
- Councilman Porter requested to gather additional information on the pavilion that he recommended. Council President Gatling stated that he has until March 22, 2010 to gather the requested information to be included with pricing.
- Council President Gatling stated that they will be making a decision on the pavilion on March 22, 2010 with or without the additional information.

5.1.2. Martin Luther King Gateway Initiative-Contract Selection

- Council President Gatling stated that the contract is pending approval by City Attorney.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1.1. City Administrator Interviews, Monday, March 22, 2010 at 6:00pm, Council Chambers

6.1.2. Census Rally, Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 11:00am-1:00pm, City Hall

6.1.3. Regular Work Session, Monday, April 5, 2010 at 6:00pm, Council Chambers

6.1.4. Public Hearing on Commons at Addison Road, April 1, 2010 at 1:00pm, County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD

ADJOURN-It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Porter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:16p.m.

Submitted by,

Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk